BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
3 9999 08631 409 1

No. 75179.126

THE TRUSTEES OF THE
PUBLIC LIBRARY
OMNIVM
LVX
CIVIVM
OF THE CITY OF
BOSTON
1852 1878

CONSTITUTION,

BY-LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER,

OF THE

7549a.126

HEBREW CONGREGATION

OHABEI SHALOM,

(FRIENDS OF PEACE.)

OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

BOSTON:

PRINTED BY ALFRED MUDGE AND SON,

No. 21 School Street.

1855.

e

Constitution and By-Laws adopted, and ordered to be printed, at a meeting of the Congregation, held April 22d, 1855.

HENRY S. SPIER,

A. PRINCE,

SAMUEL MARCKWALD.

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

Presented by
Rev. Dr. Spier
May 31, 1869

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Five.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE OHABEI SHALOM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. Moses Ehrlich, William Goldsmith, Bernard Fox, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of Ohabei Shalom, in Boston, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the restrictions, duties, and liabilities set forth in the thirty-eighth and forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes, as far as the same are applicable in this case.

Section 2. Said Society shall have the power to hold and manage estate, real or personal, to an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars, which shall be applied to the payment of the debts of the corporation, and to the support of public worship.

Section 3. Said Society shall have power to assess upon the pews or seats in their place of worship, according to a valuation thereof, to be first made, and recorded by the Clerk of the corporation, such sums as may be from time to time voted by said Society to be raised for the support of public worship and for other parochial purposes. And all such assessments may be collected in the same manner provided in the thirty-second, thirty-third and thirty-fourth sections of the twentieth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

Section 4. At all meetings of the corporation the proprietors of the pews, and no other persons, shall be entitled to vote, when the corporation own a place of public worship, allowing one vote for every pew.

Section 5. This Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

House of Representatives, March 21, 1845.
Passed to be enacted, SAM'L H. WALLEY, Jr., Speaker.
In Senate, March 22, 1845.
Passed to be enacted, LEVI LINCOLN, President.
March 22, 1845. Approved. GEO. N. BRIGGS.
Secretary's Office, March 24, 1845.
A true copy, Attest: JOHN G. PALFREY, Secretary.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Two.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT TO INCORPORATE OHABEI SHALOM.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. At all meetings of the corporation, legal members of the society, and none others, shall be entitled to vote.

SECTION 2. The said society may elect and remove members in such manner as they by their constitution and by-laws shall determine.

SECTION 3. The fourth section of the one hundred and twenty-ninth chapter of the Statutes of this Commonwealth, passed in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, incorporating said Ohabei Shalom, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect when the same shall have been accepted by a majority of the legal voters of said society.

House of Representatives, February 23, 1852.
Passed to be enacted, N. P. BANKS, Jr., Speaker.

In Senate, February 25, 1852.
Passed to be enacted, HENRY WILSON, President.

February 25, 1852. Approved. GEO. S. BOUTWELL.

Secretary's Office, Boston, February 26, 1852.
I hereby certify the within to be a true copy of the original Act.
AMASA WALKER, Sec'y of the Commonwealth

CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

The Israelitish Congregation, "Ohabei Shalom," of the city of Boston, chartered by the Legislature of Massachusetts, under that name, impressed with the axiom that good laws promote the harmony and good government of every community, have adopted the following Constitution and By-Laws:

ARTICLE I.

GOVERNMENT.

SECT. 1. The government of this Congregation shall consist of a President, a Vice President, (who, at the same time shall be Treasurer,) and five Trustees.

ARTICLE II.

ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF OFFICERS.

SECT. 1. The election of the above officers shall be by ballot.

SECT. 2. The President shall be elected annually by the Congregation, from among those members who have served at least one year as Trustees.

SECT. 3. The Trustees shall be elected to serve two years. Three Trustees retiring each year, and three others being elected by the Congregation.

SECT. 4. At the first meeting of the Board of Trustees after such election, they shall choose from among themselves, the Vice President, who shall hold office as such, for one year.

SECT. 5. In case of a vacancy in the Board of Officers, an election by the Congregation to fill said vacancy, shall take place within one month after such vacancy shall occur. Retiring officers to hold office until their successors are installed.

ARTICLE III.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

SECT. 1. The Board of Trustees shall hold their regular meeting once every month.

SECT. 2. They shall keep minutes in a Book of Records, and at the regular meetings of the Congregation, their proceedings since the last general meeting shall be read.

SECT. 3. They shall have control of the property, books, papers, and other effects, belonging to the Congregation, and provide for the safe and proper keeping thereof.

SECT. 4. They shall have the power to enact such rules and regulations as they may deem expedient for their own government, for promoting order and decorum during divine service, and also for the proper solemnization of our Hebrew rites and ceremonies, provided such rules and regulations are not contrary to the tenor of this Constitution, and such By-Laws as may hereinafter be enacted.

Sect. 5. They shall examine all bills against the Congregation, and if approved by them, order payment thereof.

Sect. 6. They shall accept the resignation of any member if tendered in writing, provided his arrears are paid.

Sect. 7. If any Trustee shall absent himself from three consecutive meetings of the Board, without good and sufficient cause, his office shall become vacant.

Sect. 8. A father and son, or son-in-law, brothers or brothers-in-law, shall not hold office on the Board at the same time.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT.

Sect. 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Congregation and ex-officio of the Board of Trustees; he shall vote at all elections, in all other cases have the casting vote only.

Sect. 2. He shall see that the rules and regulations for order and decorum in the Synagogue during divine service, are strictly complied with.

Sect. 3. He shall sign all orders passed by the Board of Trustees, permits for burial and license for marriages.

Sect. 4. It shall be his duty to order all regular meetings. He shall have the power to order at any time a special meeting of the Board of Trustees or of the Congregation, but it shall be his duty to convene a special meeting of the Board of Trustees within twenty-four hours, if called upon by a written application, signed by

two members of said Board, or a special meeting of the Congregation within ten days, if requested by a similar application, signed by not less than ten members of the Congregation, provided said applicants state the purpose for which such meeting should be called.

Sect. 5. The President shall be empowered to grant to any one of Mosaic faith, whom he deems worthy of benevolence, a sum not exceeding Five Dollars.

Sect. 6. The deeds and other property of the Congregation, as well as the key of the burying ground, shall be in his possession.

ARTICLE V.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT.

Sect. 1. The Vice President shall aid the President in the performance of his duties, and shall act as President in the absence of the latter.

Sect. 2. He shall also act as Treasurer, and prior to entering upon the duties of that office, shall give the Congregation undoubted sureties to an amount required by the Board of Trustees.

Sect. 3. He shall within thirty days after entering upon the duties of his office, furnish the Board of Trustees with a full inventory of all effects belonging to the Congregation, in his possession.

Sect 4. He shall receive all and every description of income belonging to the Congregation, make faithful entry thereof, and give receipts for the same.

Sect. 5. He shall pay all orders passed by the Board of Trustees, signed by the President and countersigned

by the Secretary. In the absence of the President, such orders to require the signature of two Trustees.

SECT. 6. He shall deposit in the name of the Congregation in such bank or banks, as the Board of Trustees may direct, all money over and above the sum of five hundred dollars. All checks for drawing the same to be countersigned by the President.

SECT. 7. He shall keep regular and exact accounts of all transactions of his office, and present at every general meeting of the Congregation a report thereof, showing the balance of cash on hand, or in banks; such report to be entered on the records.

SECT. 8. He shall permit his books or vouchers to be examined at any time by the President or Board of Trustees, or by a committee appointed by the Congregation.

SECT. 9. He shall, if unable to attend at any meeting, cause his books and papers to be transmitted thereto.

SECT. 10. He shall, upon vacating his office, deliver to his successor, upon written order of the President, all money, books, papers or other effects, in his possession belonging to the Congregation.

ARTICLE VI.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECT. 1. Any Israelite of good moral character, having been a seat-holder in the Congregation for six months, and having attained the age of eighteen years, shall be elligible as a member of this Congregation, unless married contrary to the laws and customs of our religion.

SECT. 2. A seat-holder, wishing to become a member of this Congregation, shall make application under his own signature to the Board of Trustees, enclosing his admission fee. Such applicant to be recommended, at least, by two members of the Congregation. The application to be publicly affixed in the vestibule of the Synagogue for thirty days, and if within that time, no sufficient objections are presented, signed by proper signatures, the Trustees shall ballot for his admission at their first meeting, when a majority voting in his favor, he shall be declared elected. If rejected, his admission fee to be returned. Rejected candidates cannot apply again during six months following such rejection.

SECT 3. An applicant for membership who is duly elected, shall assent to the Constitution and By-Laws of this Congregation by affixing his signature thereto. Immediately thereafter he shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of a member, except being eligible as a member of Board of Trustees for the space of twelve months from the date of his election.

SECT. 4. Any member of this Congregation who shall marry contrary to the laws and ordinances of our religion or who shall renounce Judaism, or shall be convicted of any criminal offence shall be expelled from membership.

SECT 5. No member belonging to this Congregation shall perform the marriage ceremony without written permission of the President, under a fine of twenty dollars, such person to have the right to appeal to the Board of Trustees at their first meeting thereafter.

ARTICLE VII.

PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS—ARREARS.

SECT. 1. Every member in good standing, having paid all his arrears, shall be entitled to take part in debate, to vote and be eligible to election for office as herein provided, but no member shall vote until the second meeting after his election.

SECT. 2. He shall have the right of the burial-ground of the Congregation for himself, wife and children, as provided for in the By-Laws. Privileges to members' children shall be extended to boys until they are eighteen years of age, daughters until they are married.

SECT. 3. A widow, whose husband was at the time of his decease a member of this Congregation shall enjoy the same privileges as a member's wife, until she remarries; the children of such member, the privileges of members' children, provided such deceased member's arrears are paid.

SECT. 4. Sons of members shall, upon application, be entitled to become members without paying admission fee, subject however, to all other laws provided for applicants for membership

SECT. 5. A member who shall be in arrears six months cannot vote or take part in debate at any meeting, should he fail to pay his dues for twelve months, he shall lose his membership.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINISTER AND OTHER SALARIED OFFICERS.

SECT. 1. The Hazan, Shamas and Secretary shall be elected by ballot by the Congregation and a majority of the votes cast shall be required for their election; the Shochet however, shall be elected by the Board of Trustees.

SECT. 2. The salaries of paid officers shall be fixed by the Congregation.

ARTICLE IX.

MEETINGS.

SECT. 1. There shall be two regular meetings of the Congregation during the year, to be held in the month of Nissan, (April) and Tishri, (October), or as near those periods as practicable; the first of which shall be the annual meeting.

SECT. 2. The Board of Trustees shall hold their regular meetings on the first Sunday of every month.

ARTICLE X.

OFFICERS AND SECRETARY.

Honorary officers and Secretary to be elected at the annual meeting in Nissan, Hazan and Shamas, at the semi-annual meeting in Tishri.

ARTICLE XI.

QUORUM.

At Congregational meetings, forty members shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business; at meetings of the Board of Trustees a majority of the Board shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE XII.

AMENDMENTS.

Any proposition to alter, amend or repeal this constitution, or any portion thereof, shall be submitted in writing, signed by at least seven members, and read at the regular meeting of the Congregation; which proposition shall lay over to the next regular meeting, when it shall require a majority of two-thirds of the votes thereon for its adoption.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

SECT. 1. The Secretary shall keep records of all proceedings of the Congregation, and Board of Trustees.

SECT. 2. He shall attend all meetings, read minutes of preceding meetings, and if approved, attest the same. He shall also read all letters, reports, petitions and other communications that may be presented.

SECT. 3. He shall, if unable to attend a meeting, cause the necessary books and papers to be conveyed thereto.

SECT. 4. He shall countersign all orders on the Treasurer, sanctioned by the Board of Trustees.

SECT. 5. He shall, within twenty-four hours after being directed by the President, write out notices of any meeting, to every member of the Congregation, and hand the same to the messenger for distribution.

SECT. 6. He shall, within three days after the election of a member, give him official notice thereof in writing, and furnish him a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, and notify him to call at his office to sign the original.

SECT. 7. He shall execute all such writing compatible with his office, as the Congregation or Board of Trustees may direct.

SECT. 8. He shall keep books wherein he shall enter a correct and faithful account of all receipts and expenditures of the Congregation, as also an account of each and every member thereof.

SECT. 9. He shall keep a list of all special and standing committees appointed, and shall provide the chairman of each committee with the necessary documents for the transaction of its business.

SECT. 10. He shall make out, countersign and deliver to the collector against receipts of the latter, and prior to the fifth of each month, the bills of each and every debtor of the Congregation, whether for monthly contributions, offerings, fines, or any other dues whatever.

SECT. 11. He shall, at each regular meeting of the Congregation submit a report in writing of its affairs and transactions during the past six months.

SECT. 12. He shall carefully preserve all books, papers and documents, belonging to the Congregation that may be entrusted to him; and shall at all times have his books ready for inspection by members of the Board of Trustees, or committees appointed by the Congregation.

SECT. 13. He shall, on leaving his office deliver to the President all books, papers and documents of the Congregation that may be in his possession.

ARTICLE II.

DUTIES OF SHAMAS.

SECT. 1. The Shamas shall, prior to entering upon the duties of his office, for the faithful performance of the same, and for such sum or sums of money as may from time to time be in his hands, furnish the Board of Trustees with a bond to the amount of Two Hundred Dollars, with two or more approved sureties.

SECT. 2. He shall give receipts to the Secretary for all evidences placed in his hands for collection. Collect all dues and bills due to the Congregation from members and non-members, and shall call on every resident member and present his bill at least once a month, and pay over to the Treasurer all money he may have received, and take his receipt for the same.

SECT. 3. He shall keep, at his own expense, the Synagogue and premises in clean condition, and shall have the gas and fire lighted in said Synagogue whenever necessary, and see to the proper extinguishment of the same.

SECT. 4. He shall keep the books of the law in good order, as well as every other article belonging to the Synagogue service, robe them according to custom, and have the veil properly hung before the ark; all of which must be done before the service commences.

SECT. 5. He shall perform all other duties ordered by the presiding officer.

SECT. 6. He shall attend all funerals which may take place in the burial-ground of this Congregation, and per-

form the other customary duties on such occasions, unless his services be dispensed with by special permission of the President.

Sect. 7. He shall deliver, or cause to be delivered with due diligence within the limits of the city, all notices of meetings, letters or messages concerning the Congregation, as may be directed by the presiding officer or by any resolution passed by the Board of Trustees or Congregation.

Sect. 8. He shall convey the canopy and appurtenances to any place where a marriage ceremony is to be solemnized, and also attend all religious ceremonies which may take place within the limits of the city proper, when directed by the presiding officer.

Sect. 9. He shall deliver the key of the Synagogue or any article in his charge belonging to the Congregation, to the presiding officer whenever required by the latter.

Sect. 10. He shall prepare the place of meeting of the Board, or Congregation, and be himself in attendance.

Sect. 11. He shall call on the presiding officer, at least once a day, and perform such duties consistent with his office, as said officer may direct.

Sect. 12. He shall have the gates and doors of the Synagogue opened at least fifteen minutes prior to the appointed time for the beginning of the service; be in constant attendance during the same, and at its conclusion, shall close said Synagogue and keep the keys in safe charge.

Sect. 13. He shall allow no other person to act in his place, unless by permission of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE III.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Sect. 1. Every member of the Congregation shall pay in monthly instalments, the rent of his seat.

Sect. 2. Every member is obliged to hold a seat, neglecting to take one at the public sale, a seat shall be alloted him by the Board of Trustees.

Sect. 3. The admittance fee of a candidate for membership shall be Ten Dollars, and twenty-five cents for the Secretary.

ARTICLE IV.

SEATS.

Sect. 1. The seats of the Synagogue shall be rented to members annually, at public auction, for the term of twelve months, at such a price and such regulations as the Board of Trustees shall determine.

Sect. 2. Seats not rented shall be under the control of the Trustees.

Sect. 3. No seat shall be exchanged or transferred without the consent of the Board of Trustees, nor shall any seat be taken possession of until the conditions of the sale are complied with.

ARTICLE V.

MARRIAGE AND FUNERAL FEES.

Sect. 1. For every Kessubah issued by the Hazan of this Congregation, he shall receive the sum of Three Dollars; a non-member shall pay Five Dollars additional to the Congregation.

SECT. 2. The Board of Trustees shall determine the amount to be paid for the interment of a non-member, but such an amount shall in no case exceed the sum of Twenty-five Dollars.

SECT. 3. Funeral and marriage dues must invariably be paid in advance.

ARTICLE VI.

FINANCE AND SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

SECT. 1. There shall be two standing committees, viz.:—Finance Committee and School Committee. The Finance Committee to consist of three members to be elected by the Congregation at large, at the annual meeting for one year.

The School Committee to consist of five, (of whom at least two shall be members of the Board of Trustees) shall be appointed by the chair at the semi-annual meeting, and act as such for one year.

SECT. 2. On the Treasurer or Secretary retiring from office by expiration of their respective terms, or otherwise, the Finance Committee shall examine the reports, books of accounts, vouchers, and other documents, appertaining to said officers; the committee to report in writing at the next ensuing congregational meeting, which report shall be entered on the records of the Congregation.

SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of the School Committee to engage proper teachers, fix their salaries, see that the appurtenances of the school room are in good order, and that a public examination shall take place at least once a year. They shall notify parents when such examination will take place.

SECT. 4. At the expiration of their office, they shall give a report in writing of their proceedings during the year, to the Congregation, such report to be recorded. They shall deliver up to their successors by order of the President, all monies, books, papers and documents that may be in their possession.

ARTICLE VII.

BONDS.

Should any officer of the Congregation fail to give the required bond and sureties attached to his office within thirty days after his election, his office shall be declared vacant.

ARTICLE VIII.

PROPERTY.

The Sephorim and other property deposited in the Synagogue shall be under the direction and control of the Board of Trustees, and no person, to whom a Sephor or other property so deposited shall belong, shall be entitled to any exclusive use of the same, during the performance of divine service in the Synagogue.

ARTICLE IX.

CHARGES.

SECT. 1. Charges for any offence involving suspension or expulsion, shall be presented in writing at a meeting of the Board, and if they are sustained by a majority of the votes present, they shall be referred to a committee of five members for investigation, and the accused shall forthwith if practicable, be furnished with a copy, and shall have such time as the meeting may direct, being not less than two weeks to meet the charges.

SECT. 2. The Committee shall fully and carefully examine the evidence for and against the accused, and shall report thereon as soon as possible, giving a detailed statement, in writing, of the evidence.

The Trustees having heard the report and defence, may act thereon at the same, or a future meeting: provided however, that if the accused shall have absconded or shall have neglected to notice the charges, the Trustees shall act thereon without further delay.

SECT. 3. Pending an accusation, the accused, if an officer, shall not exercise the functions of his office.

SECT. 4. No person shall be suspended or expelled unless by a majority of two-thirds of the votes present.

SECT. 5. There shall be no appeal from the decision of the Board of Trustees in cases of suspension or expulsion.

ARTICLE X.

FINES.

SECT. 1. Members who shall have been duly elected to any of the offices mentioned in Article I. of the Constitution, and refuse to serve, shall be subject to the following fines: for refusing to serve as President, five dollars; as Vice President, four dollars; as Trustees, three dollars; provided, however, they have not held any office for two years immediately preceding, in which case no fine for non-acceptance can be imposed.

SECT. 2. A member having been duly elected to any office, and having accepted the same, who shall, after

such acceptance, refuse to act, or resign before the expiration of his respective term, shall be subject to double the fine specified in the foregoing section.

SECT. 3. A member of the Board of Trustees not attending a meeting of the Board, if duly notified, shall be subject to a fine of fifty cents.

SECT. 4. Any member not attending a meeting of the Congregation, if duly notified, shall be subject to a fine of twenty-five cents. Any member not attending a meeting, when constitutional questions are to be discussed, amendments to the Constitution to be considered, of which special notice shall have been given, shall be subject to a fine of fifty cents. Any member signing a petition for a special meeting or preferring charges, and not attending, shall be subject to a fine of one dollar.

SECT. 5. Any member leaving a meeting without permission of the presiding officer, shall be subject to a fine of twenty-five cents.

SECT. 6. Any member leaving a meeting, so as to destroy a quorum, shall be subject to a fine of two dollars.

SECT. 7. Any member not attending to his duty, when appointed on a committee, shall be subject to a fine of fifty cents.

SECT. 8. The Board of Trustees shall in all cases have the power to impose or remit the fines specified in the foregoing sections.

SECT. 9. Excuses for non-attendance at a meeting, must be offered at the next ensuing meeting, when the fine may be remitted by a vote.

SECT. 10. The President shall have the power to fine members for misdemeanor at the Synagogue, or for disorderly conduct at a meeting, with any sum not exceeding five dollars.

SECT. 11. A member in arrears for more than thirty days, shall be fined twelve and a half cents for every such month he is in arrears, and such fine to be added to the bill of the next month.

ARTICLE XI.

CHEYOOBIM.

The following shall be considered Cheyoobim, i, e. entitled to be called to the Torah :

A. On Sabbath :

a. The son of a member on the day of his Bar Mitzvah, also his father.

b. The member whose wife attends the Synagogue the first time after her confinement.

c. A member on the day of the Berith of his son, also the godfather and Mohel.

d. The member having Jahrzeit.

e. The Bridegroom on the Sabbath before and after the wedding.

B. On Rosh Hashana:
The Baul Takeah on the first day.

C. On Yom Kippur:
The Mussaph Reader.

ARTICLE XII.

AMENDMENTS.

To amend, alter, repeal, or rescind any By-Law or resolution passed by the Congregation, a majority of two-thirds of all the votes present shall be required.

RULES OF ORDER.

ARTICLE I.

1. The business of regular meetings shall be taken up in the following order; Meeting opened — Roll called — Minutes of last meeting read and passed upon — Reading of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees — Reports of Committees — Unfinished business — New Business.

2. At special meetings no other business except that for which the meeting has been called shall be taken up.

ARTICLE II.

1. The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum, and pronounce the decision of the meeting on all subjects.

2. He shall decide all questions of order. Any member may, however, appeal from his decision.

3. On appeal, the question shall be put in this form: "Shall the decision of the chair be sustained?" The vote shall be taken without debate.

ARTICLE III.

If a member while speaking is called to order, he shall resume his seat until the question be decided, and permission given him to proceed.

ARTICLE IV.

Every member when speaking or offering a resolution shall rise and respectfully address the chair, and avoid all personalities or indecorous language.

ARTICLE V.

Should two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the chair shall decide who is entitled to the floor.

ARTICLE VI.

While the chairman is putting a question, addressing the meeting, or a member is speaking, no one shall hold private discourse, or otherwise disturb the business of the meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

No motion shall be subject to debate, until it shall have been seconded and announced by the chair; it shall be reduced to writing at the request of any member.

ARTICLE VIII.

No member shall speak more than once on the same subject, as long as there are other members desirous of speaking thereon, unless by permission of the chair.

ARTICLE IX.

When a meeting resolves itself into a committee of the whole, the presiding officer may call any member to the chair.

ARTICLE X.

All committees shall be appointed by the chairman, unless otherwise resolved by the meeting. The first named shall act as chairman of the committee, unless another is chosen among themselves.

ARTICLE XI.

When a question is before the meeting, no motion shall be in order except to adjourn, the previous question, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain time, to commit, recommit, or to amend, which motions shall severally have preference in the order herein designated; the first two shall be decided without debate.

ARTICLE XII.

Two members may call for the Ayes and Nays.

ARTICLE XIII.

The previous question shall be put in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" And if carried it shall preclude all debate and further amendments.

ARTICLE XIV.

Any member may call for a division of a question when the sense will admit of it.

ARTICLE XV.

When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be first taken on the highest sum or number, or the highest and latest time.

ARTICLE XVI.

Any member who voted with the majority on any resolution passed, may at that or at the following meeting move for a reconsideration, provided his motion is seconded by a member who also voted in the majority on such resolution.

ARTICLE XVII.

Any of these Rules may be suspended by a majority of two-thirds of the votes present.

INDEX.

PAGE.

Amendments, ... 12, 23
Appeal, ... 24
Arrears, ... 11
Bonds, ... 19
Charges, ... 19
Cheyoobim, ... 22
Committee of the Whole, ... 25
Committees, ... 26
Contributions, ... 17
Debate, decorum, speaking, etc., ... 24, 25, 26
Decision of the Chair, ... 24
Duties and powers of the Board of Trustees, ... 6
" " " " President 7
" " " " Vice President 8
Election of Officers, ... 5
Excuses, ... 22
Finance Committee, ... 18
Fines, ... 20
Government, ... 5
Marriage and Funeral Fees, ... 17
Meetings, ... 12
Membership, ... 9
Members' Children, privileges of 11
Minister and other Salaried Officers, ... 11
Officers and Secretary, time of Election, ... 12
Order of Business, ... 24
Preamble, ... 5
President, duties and powers of 7
Previous Question, ... 26
Property, ... 19
Quorum, ... 12
Reconsideration of motions, ... 27
Rules of Order, ... 24
School Committee, ... 18
Seats, ... 17
Secretary, duties of 13
Shamas, duties of, ... 15
Special Meetings, ... 24
Suspension of Rules, ... 27
Trustees, duties and powers of 6
Vice President, duties and powers of 8
Widow's Privileges, ... 8
Yeas and Nays, ... 26